

### **REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks contained herein in response to the Office Action mailed May 2, 2006. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment and remarks contained herein place the instant application in condition for allowance.

Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 2, 4 – 6, 8 – 9, 11 – 14, 16 – 17, and 30 – 39 remain pending. In particular, Applicants amend claims 31 – 32, 34, and 38 – 39. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

### **Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112**

The Office Action indicates that claims 31, 32, 34, and 38 – 39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. In response to the Office Action's request, Applicants amend claims 31 – 32, 34, and 38 – 39. Applicants submit that these amendments comply with the Office Action's request and that the present application is in condition for allowance.

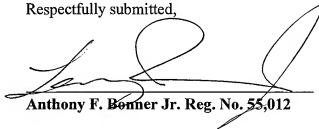
## CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested.

Any other statements in the Office Action that are not explicitly addressed herein are not intended to be admitted. In addition, any and all findings of inherency are traversed as not having been shown to be necessarily present. Further, any and all findings of well-known art and official notice, or statements interpreted similarly, should not be considered well known for at least the specific and particular reason that the Office Action does not include specific factual findings predicated on sound technical and scientific reasoning to support such conclusions.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,



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